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MARY E. HARTY STOCKED
\$6571.

Undoubtedly the Largest
Stock on Record in
History of Seining.

Most of the Fleet Will
Stay South for Short
Time.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, of this port, on her big fare at Newport, R. I., last week, counted out 48,808 fresh mackerel. On this monster fare the gross stock was \$6571.27 and the net stock \$5525.49. This is a magnificent return for a fine fare, caught with but two sets of the seine. It is, without doubt, the largest stock ever made of a fresh mackerel trip in the history of the southern mackerel fishery. Capt. Cameron is certainly to be congratulated.

There are no mackerel arrivals at Newport or New York. The fleet of 35 sail now out that way has been harbored since Thursday night, but the heavy easterly has blown over, the wind has come northwest, and although it is still rough outside on the fish grounds, the vessels will pull up anchor and go out today.

The netters Maxwell with 700 fish and Jennie Maud with 190 fish were at New York late Saturday afternoon.

Capt. Frank H. Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall and Capt. Augustus G. Hall of sch. Harmony came home from Newport to spend Sunday, and left this morning to rejoin their vessels. The former intends to stay out south yet a few days more, figuring on going to the Cape Shore about June 1, and thinks many others of the fleet are of the same mind and will do the same. They figure that they can afford to take this extra time out south and still make the Cape Shore in time to meet the schools when they strike there.

Sch. Diana is bound home from south to fit for the Cape Shore.

With 25 of the seining fleet harbored at Newport, R. I., and Block Island, and 14 at Liverpool, N. S., on the Cape Shore, 49 of the 63 sail are located. The others probably harbored at small ports, or are on their way to the Cape Shore.

A few mackerel were taken in the traps at Pubnico, N. S., Friday.

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A Queer Fish.

In European fresh water is to be found a very large silurid known as the wels. Its head is large, broad and depressed, fully as long as the trunk itself, while the tail is compressed and longer than the head and trunk together. The entire fish is destitute of scales and covered with a smooth, slippery skin like an eel. The snout is very short, the mouth broad, with the lower jaw longer and very extensible. There are six barbels around the mouth, two of which, situated on each side of the upper jaw before the eye, are very long, extending nearly to the tail. The other four are much shorter and arranged in pairs on the chin. Owing to its poor eyesight and sluggish movements the wels would be badly handicapped in the race of life if not for these barbels, especially those of the upper jaw, which can be moved voluntarily in every direction. In moving leisurely about the fish uses them constantly in feeling its way, and at the same time they serve to attract other fishes, which mistake them for worms. When the wels perceives its prey close enough to be seized it makes a dart and rarely fails to capture it.—New York Tribune.

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COSTLY GREASE.

Sailors Used It to Soften Boots. It
Was Ambergris.

Recently the British bark Antiope sailed from New Castle, Australia, to San Francisco. On the voyage, in latitude 20 degrees south, a great quantity of grease was seen floating on the ocean. A calm prevailed at the time and the sailors drew up many buckets. With this grease they anointed the masts, their sea boots and oil skins. They regarded their find as ordinary grease and wasted it as such. As a matter of fact, the grease was ambergris, and the waste of material worth something like £4000.

MADE TWO TRIPS IN 36 DAYS,

Sch. Cavalier Brings Another Good Halibut Fare.

Winging along the heavy easterly and coming up the harbor in a smother of foam, sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, arrived yesterday forenoon and dropped anchor, just 24 days from the time she sailed away. It needed no practised eye to see that the craft was "down in the water"—telling plainer than words that she had secured what she went after—a fine trip of halibut.

She has 55,000 pounds of halibut, which run about medium size, and 10,000 pounds of salt cod along with them. It had been a successful trip, and even though the price dropped a cent per pound on both white and gray, Capt. Porper and his hustling gang will profit well for the time they have been gone.

The fare was secured at the Bird Rocks, in the gulf of St. Lawrence, and off the shores of Anticosti island in the same big stretch of water. Capt. Porper reports seeing little or no ice and only saw one vessel, sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, who was fishing off Anticosti and picking up some fish.

On her previous trip, the Cavalier was gone but 12 days, so the two trips have been made in very fast time and would have been done in even less, had not the craft struck a two or three days' calm spell on the passage home this time. As it is, two northern halibut trips in 36 days is extra fast going.

The other arrivals here today are sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes, from drift fishing, with 35,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Norman Fisher, Capt. Edmund Williams, from the same line of fishing, with 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

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BOOTH FISHERIES CO., ORGAN- IZED.

The Booth Fisheries Company has been incorporated under the laws of Delaware, at Dover, with a capital of \$7,000,000. Papers were filed on May 11, and do not give the names of the incorporators, papers having been filed by Wilmington, Del., charter agents who paid the advance state tax charter fees on the \$7,000,000 capitalization. The objects of the company are to catch, propagate, store and prepare food for merchandise of all kinds of fish, oysters, lobsters, shrimps, crabs, sardines, sturgeon and whales and will take these from the marketable product, store, ship, export and sell same. F. M. Shive, S. E. Robertson and Harry Davis, Wilmington, Del., are named as incorporators.

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BURNING OF SCH. REVEUSE.

Particulars of Destruction of French Fishing Vessel.

A North Sydney, C. B., despatch gives the following details of the burning of the French banker Reveuse on the Grand Bank:

At an early hour in the morning of May 12, fire originated in the fore-castle, where the entire crew of 20 were making ready for the day's work, and so rapidly did the flames spread that the crew had to scramble in great haste for the dories to avoid being caught like rats in a trap. A few of those on board managed to seize a few of their personal belongings as they fled from the burning schooner, but most of the men were glad to escape with their lives.

When a safe distance from the blazing vessel, the crew watched the progress of the fire until nothing was left but that portion of the hull from the water line down, and in a short time this too, disappeared from sight. The crew rowed about for 10 hours, when they fortunately sighted the French schooner Amedee, which brought them to St. Pierre. The Reveuse was owned by the G. Monier company of St. Malo, France, who had her insured. She was 105 tons register, and had 150 quintals of fish on board when burned.

Besides the Reveuse the vessels lost so far this season are the bark Velleda, brigantine Turenne, and the schooner Jean Martin.

GOOD PRICES AT T WHARF.

Nine Vessels at Boston Struck Good Market.

There are nine lucky craft at T wharf, Boston, this morning, for they have struck the best market for a long time. Some of them have not very large trips, but the prices will help them out a good deal. Beside these craft sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, is also there with a nice fare of halibut, 33,000 pounds, and 6000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, one of the shore fleet ought to come out pretty good. She has a lot of hake and cusk, about 53,000 pounds. Ordinarily these would come here to split, but today the crew will get a lot of them out at good market prices.

The only off-shore trip is sch. Mary A. Whalen, with 47,000 pounds. Of the boat, sch. Esther Gray has 15,000 pounds and sch. Ida M. Silva 12,000 pounds. Sch. Matiana has 23,000 pounds and sch. Viking, from the Rips, has 25,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The steam trawler Spray has a small catch 22,000 pounds and 11,000 pounds of skates, an unusual catch, which will go to the glue makers.

At bell ring this morning, haddock brought from \$3 to \$4, large cod \$3 to \$3.50, market cod \$2 to \$3, hake, \$1 to \$2 and cusk \$1.50.

COLLISION AVERTED.

Steamer City of Rockland Barely Missed Sch. Margaret.

When the steamer City of Rockland was making her way out of Boston harbor Friday evening on her trip to Bangor, she narrowly escaped a crash with the formerly Beverly fishing schooner Margaret. The schooner was tacking across the channel just ahead of the steamer. On the other side of the channel the German steamer Margarethe Rus was pushing up the harbor, and it looked as if the Bangor boat would surely strike either the Russ or the schooner.

The captain of the Rockland sounded the whistle and rang for full speed astern. The steamer's headway was checked within a few feet of the Margaret. The Rockland was thrown somewhat out of her course, and when she started ahead again she nearly crashed into a mud scow. It was necessary to back the second time to escape collision with that craft. The mixup occurred abreast of Castle island.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

An eel caught at Lee was 46 inches long and weighed 6 1-2 pounds.

A man in Westfield caught a crawfish in an outlet to Hampton ponds. Crawfish are extremely rare in that section of the state.

Nelson F. Higgins and Henry For-gette of Springfield are said to have caught in one day at Conway pond 165 trout that weighed altogether 130 pounds.

The Bering Sea sealing season does not open (save for the Japanese) until August 1. In the meantime the majority of the Canadian and American sealers go to Alaska waters to hunt sea otter.

There has been a large consumption of Labrador fish in the south of Europe the last month, but there is no improvement in the prices over there, says the Trade Review, of St. Johns, N. F. In Brazil there is no improvement to report, and prices are likely to continue down for some time. On the whole the realizations by St. Johns, N. F., merchants have been extremely small this season, and quintal for quintal, the voyage of last year has realized less than for ten years. It usually happens that, when prices between fishermen and merchant are low, the merchant comes out well ahead in the consuming markets.

For the purpose of increasing the patrol of the halibut fishing grounds in Hecate Straits the British Columbia Salvage Company's steamer William Polliffe has been chartered by the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries and will assist the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel in patrolling the Northern fishing grounds this summer.

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ST. PIERRE ALARMED.**Fear Steam Trawlers Will Mean Depletion of Fishing Grounds.**

According to information received at North Sydney, C. B., about 35 steam trawlers have left France, several of which will call at North Sydney and others at St. Pierre before proceeding to the Grand Banks. The report that such a large fleet of trawlers will operate this season has caused considerable uneasiness in fishing circles in St. Pierre, as the trawlers methods in catching fish, in the opinion of some, will hasten the depletion of fishing grounds.

Naturally sailing vessel owners in St. Pierre are against the steam trawlers, and are strongly protesting against their use, claiming that the hand-line fishery will be greatly jeopardized.

It is stated that the Marine Department in France has commenced an investigation inquiring into the cause of the loss in recent years of several ships and crews engaged in the transport service between France and St. Pierre. Restrictions are being placed on the class of ships operating in the transport service and principally larger tonnage insisted on.

The Marine Department are also exacting that fishing captains be subjected to an examination as to competency in order to safeguard the large number of men engaged in the industry. All the fishing vessels, numbering 48, have sailed for the banks, using as bait for their first trip frozen and salt squid. Some have returned to the port of St. Pierre for fresh bait with from one to two hundred quintals of fish. Ship owners have sold their catch at \$3.30 per quintals green.

Realizing that unless steps are taken in the matter of stopping the exodus from St. Pierre, which threatens to depopulate the colony, an organization has been founded in Paris, its principal object being to ameliorate the conditions of the population and restore the commercial importance of St. Pierre which it once possessed.

This organization, which is known as a "Protective Committee," is composed of men of the highest standing in business and shipping circles, and has as president, ex-Minister of Marine J. L. Delanessan. In the economic reforms undertaken, the making of St. Pierre a free port, and the lowering of tariff rate on goods entering the French Colony will be strenuously advocated. The residents of the Island Colony are awaiting with much interest the outcome of the movement which it is thought will help to bring back the activity which once existed in the Old French Colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Pubnico—Cod fair.
Clark's Harbor—Cod and lobsters fair.
Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair.
Liverpool—Alewives, cod, lobsters and salmon plenty; haddock fair; herring reported struck in off this station.
Lunenburg—Cod fair; few bank herring taken; lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.
Salmon River—Lobsters fair.
Whitehead—Haddock and lobsters fair; cod and herring scarce.
Canso—Cod and lobsters fair.
Port Malcom—Lobsters fair; cod and herring scarce.
West Arichat—Cod and lobsters fair.
Arichat—Cod, haddock and lobsters fair.

Made Raise in Price.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade Saturday afternoon, it was voted to raise the price of salt drift cod and fresh western cod.

Salt drift codfish took an advance this morning, when the fare of sch. Mina Swim, which was on the market, sold to Henry E. Pinkham at \$3.30 per hundred weight for large and \$2.90 for snappers, and advance of 12 1-2 cents on the large and 10 cents on the medium over the advanced prices of Saturday.

Sch. La France Sprang Aleak.

The Newfoundland sch. La France, which is bound to this port from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a fare of barrelled salt herring, sprang aleak while loading in the Middle Arm and had to go to Birchy Cove to dock and repair. She sailed again last Monday.

Halibut Sale.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents per pound for gray.

Large Lobsters Taken in Trawls.

On the fishing schooner Richard, Capt. Manuel Perry, which arrived at T wharf Friday from South Channel, was a nine-pound lobster, which was hauled up on the trawls two days ago. A still larger lobster was captured in the same way by one of the crew. It weighed 17 pounds and when it was landed the crustacean put up such a fight that it had to be beaten with a club to subdue it. It was taken on board the schooner, where it was boiled and served in a salad to the crew.

Active Fisherman at 82.

Capt. Eben Brazier of the sloop Petrel, which harbored here Thursday night, is 82 years old and is said to be the oldest fisherman out of Gloucester. He can go aloft feet first today if the occasion requires.—Portsmouth Chronicle.

Lunenburg Fisherman Drowned.

A dispatch received at Lunenburg, N. S., from Capt. Benjamin Smith, of sch. Gladys B. Smith, dated at Point Passe, Magdalen Islands, reports the loss by drowning of Fraser Greek, a Lunenburg seaman, on May 14, by the sinking of his dory.

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Harbor Notes.

Sch. Aspinet is on Burnham's railways to repair the damage to her bow, caused by her recent collision with the barge Pocasset.

Sch. Miranda is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Flavilla, Capt. Woolard, the first of the swordfishing fleet, sailed today.

Sch. Rita A. Viator and yacht Princess are on Parkhurst's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ella G. King was at Provincetown on Saturday with 22,000 pounds of salt cod and 1000 pounds of halibut. She will take ice and bait and go back to the bank.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, Capt. Fred Nunan, will now fit for swordfishing.

Sch. Almeida, Capt. Frank Cooney, Jr., will now fit for swordfishing.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, was at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

Sch. Mand S., of Portland, is fitting for swordfishing.

Sch. Ada R. Terry, of Philadelphia, formerly one of the famous mackerel crafts sailing from this port, has had her name changed to Marian Howlett.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Selma, 6000 cod, 30,000 halibut. Steamer Spray, 20,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 cod, 40,000 hake, 13,000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Leo, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod. Sch. Matiana, 10,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Esther Gray, 15,000 cod. Sch. Viking, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 16,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 4000 hake 5000 cusk, dock, 22,000 cod, 4000 hake, 5000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Torpedo, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

Not for a long time has the fishing industry of Portland been in such a quiet state as at present. Most of the larger sized fishing vessels have hauled off to fit out for swordfishing and about all the fish landed here now are from the small boats, and their catches have been growing much smaller the past week. The men engaged give as a reason for the poor fishing that having spawned the fish have scattered and thinned out. Even the steamer Robert and Edwin, which has had until recently great success in fishing off Cape Elizabeth, was forced to change her fishing grounds, and returned Friday from a two days' cruise off Pemaquid with the meagre fare of 4000 pounds of mixed fish.

The Portland pollock seining sch. Marion E. Turner has stocked \$3000 in this line of business during the past few weeks.

Put Mackerel in Cold Storage.

A Portland exchange says that J. W. Trefethen & Co., fish dealers of that city, bought 25,000 of the fresh mackerel recently landed at Newport, R. I., by the seiners, and put them in the cold storage plant at the latter place.

Bait at Provincetown.

Bait is now plenty at Provincetown today.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting, 50,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips, 30,000 salt cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, returned.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Leo, Boston.

Sch. Annie Perry, haddocking.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, haddocking.

Sch. Buema, haddocking.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.

Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Athena, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, haddocking.

Sch. Dixie, south netting.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, seining.

Sch. Flavilla, swordfishing.

Sch. James A. Garfield, pollock seining.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.

Sch. Robert and Carr, pollock seining.

Sch. Boyd & Leeds, Rips.

Sch. Jubilee, Rips.

Sch. Rebecca, Rips.

Sch. Eugenia, Rips.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Rips.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Titania, dory handling.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges' cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 7 cents per lb. for white and 5 cents per lb. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

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WILL NOW HUSTLE TO CAPE SHORE.**Five of Southern Seining Fleet Arrived Home Last Night.**

Five of the southern seiners arrived home last night. All will do a great hustle in fitting for the Cape Shore and some of them will sail tonight, at least that is the intention of their skippers, but the rising northeast wind may detain them until tomorrow.

The crafts home are schs. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, who carries the south high line honor with a stock in the vicinity of \$10,000, and Rex, Aloha, Marguerite Haskins and Diana. All these crafts struck fish and have been to market once or twice, so their crews have nice checks coming to them.

The most of them report that the weather out south was not too bad; that there were lots of good days and nights to look for fish, but the trouble was that there were no fish to see until the spurt which came on about two weeks ago. Some of them might have stayed out south, but the long northeaster settled it for them, and they decided to take no chances, but come home and make the Cape Shore trip. Most of them think the way things have worked, they are in time for the Cape Shore all right, but all the same they are anxious to get away in a hurry and not hang around here any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Two netters are at New York this morning, showing that the little fellows are striking some good weather now on the Jersey coast. Sch. Massasoit has 1650 fish and sch. Leif Erickson has 300 fish. They will strike a good market.